

**OCTOBER 25, 2006 MEETING**

**374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present**

Rene Campbell, President  
Steven Afriat, Vice President  
James Barger  
Martha Molina-Aviles

**County Representatives**

Christina Bryne, Sheriff's Department  
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer & Tax Collector  
Ryan Elsee, Sheriff's Department  
Javier Martinez, Building & Safety  
Brandi Miles Moore, County Counsel  
Jaime Ortega, Sheriff's Department  
David Vela, First Supervisorial District

**Commissioners Absent**

Diana Wood, Secretary

**Guests**

Cahty Clement  
Martha Huerzo  
Maria Marquez  
Jose Martinez  
Lynn Martinez

**Commission Services Staff**

Nyla Jefferson  
Rhonda Rangel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Afriat called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. Applicants and witnesses were sworn.

**MINUTES**

**ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of October 4, 2006 – APPROVED**

**Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Afriat**

**Vote: Unanimously Carried**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Application for Entertainment with Dance Business License ID #132085 (Cont'd from 9/27/06)**

Jose & Lynn Martinez  
El Rancho Alegre  
5010 Whittier Boulevard  
Los Angeles (1<sup>st</sup> District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that he received all the signatures from required departments that would allow the issuance of a license to El Ranch Alegre.

Christina Bryne, Sheriff's Department, stated that after receiving numerous complaints an undercover operation was conducted on August 11, 2006 the following charges were made: The selling of hard alcohol; and a transvestite was charged with drink solicitation

President Campbell joined the meeting.

Mr. Dangerfield informed the Commission that the applicants have applied for public eating, juke box and coin operator licenses.

Alexandrina Baldwin, Regional Planning Department, stated that her office is concerned with the number of parking spaces. The required parking spaces for a live entertainment license is ten currently there are eight spaces.

Lynn Martinez, Owner of El Rancho Alegre, stated that on August 11, 2006 she was cited for other violations and made the necessary repairs and corrections. The type of alcohol sold on the premises is imitation wine that resembles vodka, tequila and rum. Her employees wear the color red. There are four employees: two security guards; and approximately 70-80 patrons. Live entertainment is played on the weekends only.

Two members of the public spoke, Martha Huerzo and Ramona Muraña, in opposition of issuing an entertainment license. A 54 signature petition was submitted.

**ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation of Building and Safety to deny the above mentioned license and requested the Treasurer and Tax Collector to issue the license with the following conditions:**

- 1. El Rancho Alegre is to close at 12 midnight Monday - Thursday.**
- 2. On nights with live entertainment, a total of two security guards must be on the premises: one security guard at the front door; and the second guard patrolling the outside of**

- the business and alley once every two hours.
3. Post a phone number inside and outside of the premises to dispatch security.
  4. Invite the neighbors for a community meeting within 30 days.
  5. No loitering signs must be posted in English & Spanish.
  6. Limit the amplified noise to carry within the premises only.
  7. The back door must remain closed except for emergencies.
  8. Have all liquor drinks say wine drinks.
  9. Revisit the Commission on January 24, 2007 for a 90 day review.

**Motion:** Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

**Vote:** Unanimously carried

Request for Re-hearing to Reconsider Possible Action on the Application for Notice of Intention to Solicit and Issuance of Information Card

Five Acres - The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County  
760 West Mountain View Street  
Altadena (5<sup>th</sup> District)

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Molina and unanimously carried, the Commission was in favor of reconsidering the Notice of Intention to Solicit application.

Cathy Clements, Five Acres, apologized for not appearing at the October 18, 2006 meeting. Fives Acres has a volunteer board of directors that monitors all finances and two signatures are required on the checks.

Commissioner Barger requested Ms. Clements to apply for a general appeal and have staff resend the request to notifying the Sheriff's Department of the Commission's decision to deny the issuance of an information card.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

**Motion:** Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

**Vote:** Unanimously carried

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

**Motion:** Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

**Vote:**                      **Unanimously carried**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

The Commission agreed to attend their annual holiday gathering in January 2007.  
The meeting calendar will be dark on the following days: November 22 & 29, 2006 and  
December 20 & 27, 2006.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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Renée Campbell  
President